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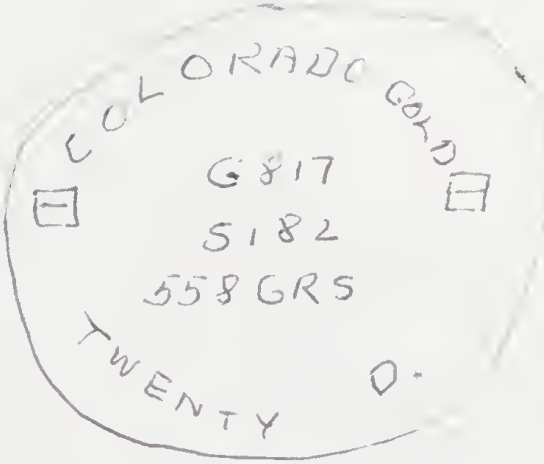

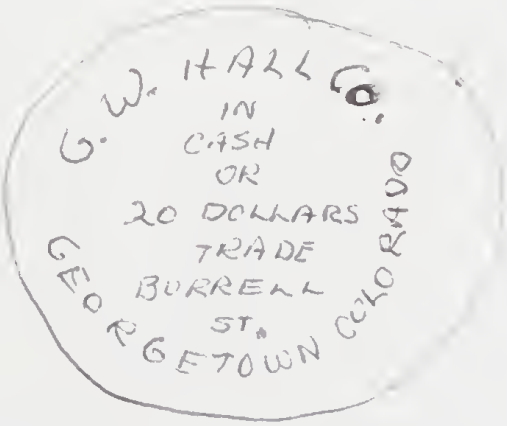

Classification of text of item

BURRELL ST
is now FOURTH ST.

G.W. HALL CO was on Fourth St.
County Bldg now on Hall site

Geo. W HALL CO was in Mining
and lumber Business
in later 19th Century.

33770. H. REES

A. Half Cents (3): 1808 (1), 1825 (1), 1826 (1).
Values: VG $30.00 VF $45.00
B. Large Cents (57): 1793 (1), 1794 (1), 1799 (1), 1800 (1), 1802 (1), 1803 (3), 1808 (2), 1811 (1), 1813 (3), 1816 (1), 1817 (2), 1818 (4), 1819 (1), 1820 (4), 1821 (1), 1822 (3), 1825 (1), 1827 (2), 1828 (3), 1829 (1), 1831 (3), 1833 (3), 1836 (3), 1837 (3), 1838 (1), UK (7).
Values: VG $30.00 VF $45.00
W. One Reales (1): 1795 (1).
Values: VG $50.00 VF $75.00

33520/33770. This mark is also found in with 8. RAPP.

B. Large Cents (1): 1798 (1).
Values: VG $60.00 VF $90.00

33780. H. REES / PHILA

B. Large Cents (2): 1818 (1), UK (1).
Values: VG $60.00 VF $90.00

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

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33840. REPUBLIC . OF . TEXAS / (Star Surrounded by Wreath) / . 1839 .
Rev: HOUSTON TREAS. DEPT. / (Liberty Cap) / 16 D. 8 E. 21 C

EE. Colombian Gold Eight Escudos (2): 1825 (1), 1828 (1).

SAMUEL N. RICE

New York City, New York

Samuel N. Rice was a daguerrotype photographer, whose business was at 194 Canal Street according to the 1850 and 1854 New York City Directories.

34040. RICE / 194 CANAL ST.

B. Large Cents (1): UK (1).
Values: VG $120.00 VF $180.00
V. Half Reales (1): UK (1).
Values: VG $120.00 VF $180.00

J. H. RICE

34070. J. H. RICE

B. Large Cents (2): 1838 (1), 1851 (1).
Values: VG $10.00 VF $15.00

WILLIAM J. RICE

34115. WM. J. RICE

B. Large Cents (2): 1817 (1), 1827 (1).
Values: VG $10.00 VF $15.00
J. Quarters (1): 1853 (1).
Values: VG $12.50 VF $20.00

J. RICH

34120. J. RICH

B. Large Cents (1): 1818 (1).
Values: VG $10.00 VF $15.00
J. Quarters (1): 1855 (1)
Values: VG $12.50 VF $20.00

CHARLES H. RICHARDSON

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

34170. RICHARDSON

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POPAYAN
REPUBLIC OF COLUMBIA
Upper coin host is dated 1828
Lower coin host is dated 1825

On countersstamp abbreviations for
16 Dollars
8 Escudos
21 Carats

Subj: **RE: Brunk book**
Date: 5/31/2007 2:47:46 PM Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:
CC:

Hi Dave and Eric,

I only have the more recent hardbound version. I have checked the library and found no copy of the earlier edition. Sorry I couldn't produce it here.

Happy belated birthday Eric! John Kraljevich was telling me about the nice letter you recently sent him. He told me that he counts it among his most prized possessions.

Best regards,

John Pack

-----Original Message-----
From: Dave Bowers [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 3:37 PM
To: Pack, John
Cc: Eric P. Newman
Subject: Brunk book

Dear John,

In the library at the office do we have the ORIGINAL version of Greg Brunk's book on counterstamps? For Eric P.N., herewith copied, I'd like the info on the REPUBLIC OF TEXAS counterstamp (not the TEXAS 8 BITS or similar). This may be listed under Texas, under Republic of Texas, or under fantasies.

It was illustrated with a meaningful but somewhat fuzzy picture. Here at home I have the new hardbound version, which is different and does not list fantasies, etc.

If you can find, can you either send a copy to EPN or advise and I'll scan the page and send a copy?

Thanks!

DAVE B

World Exonumia
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RICH HARTZOG

1 June 2007

Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Ave
St. Louis MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thanks for your call and interest in my books on countermarked coins.

I find I do not have a copy of the original **American and Canadian Countermarked Coins** in stock. However, I am fairly sure I can locate a copy for you, and I will forward it to you when it arrives.

In the meantime, I am sending the newest edition, which incorporates the above title and **Merchant Countermarks on World Coins**, which you indicated you already had.

In addition, I am sending you a copy of my recent 2006 auction catalog. Dr. Brunk and I are always seeking unlisted merchant countermarks for future editions of his books. Should you have any such pieces in your collection, I would certainly love to know about them. Dr. Brunk is currently having severe eye problems, does not answer his phone and has become impossible to contact by mail or email, so please do forward new listings to me, rather than him.

Should you need any other exonumia books, your order would be appreciated. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Rich Hartzog

Rich Hartzog
hartzog@exonumia.com www.exonumia.com

Subj: **Republic of Texas doubloons**
Date: 6/5/2007 4:39:50 PM Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Dear Eric,

I spent some time tracking down comments about the Republic of Texas counterstamped doubloons. Here is what I found. I think it was published in E-Sylum around March or April of 2006. The quote is from Q. David Bowers:

"Ford and Franklin collaborated to cerate 'Republic of Texas doubloons,' with Walter Breen sworn to secrecy. However, Walter told me, I discussed the project with Ford, he was upset to know that I was aware (at the time Breen and Ford were in one of their estranged periods), and promised me a souvenir doubloon.

"According to Ford, this was but a caper to fool the know-it-all experts in numismatics and, in particular, to sell one to John Murrell, a Texan who bought a lot of gold coins; after being duly amazed, etc., etc., Murrell was to be told the real story, an refund made, and a good laugh was to be enjoyed by all. Or, that is how the story was told to me. New Netherlands had been advertising to buy South American doubloons in the Numismatist. The scenario was to have been that, surprise, some incoming doubloons were of a marvelous and hither unknown Republic of Texas style, counterstamped on real doubloons.

"I was told that Breen researched the type of lettering, etc., that was to be used, and that the die was to be made in Milan. There is a somewhat related scenario in which Ford had Franklin openly make close copies of the Libertas Americana medal, to be sold and described as copies."

Attached is the listing in Brunk. Please acknowledge receipt of this.

---Ken

Subj: **Georgetown**
Date: 6/16/2007 3:32:41 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Eric: Here is a bit more information that I found about Georgetown, CO.:

In the first exciting months of Colorado's 1959 (this must be an error for 1859) gold rush, a major strike was found by George Griffith, who brought in several of his brothers to help mine the gold; his claim was named George's Town. Ultimately silver would be the driving force behind Georgetown's development. Today, Georgetown is an important Victorian tourist town on I-70 which heads west to the ski areas and other central Colorado attractions. Some of the most amazing feats of American railroading engineering occured from Georgetown up the Silver Plume and to the Waldorf mining camp. At the foot of Guanella Pass, Georgetown today is a charming historic Victorian town hosting the famous Georgetown Loop Railroad.

Georgetown (population 1,088) was first settled by prospectors lured to the area by the discovery of gold and silver. The town was incorporated in 1868 and became known as "The Silver Queen of the Rockies." In 1884, the Georgetown Loop was constructed, a narrow gauge rail line linking Georgetown with the nearby community of Silver Plume. During the 1880s and through the early 1900s, the area's spectacular scenery made Georgetown and the Georgetown Loop a center for tourist railroad excursions.
The town's fortunes began to wane, however, with the advent of the automobile, and the Georgetown Loop was dismantled in 1938. This was followed by closing of the mines in the 1940s. In subsequent decades, however, new emphasis on the community's heritage assets has helped reinvigorate tourism.
The Georgetown-Silver Plume Historic District was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966, and Georgetown passed the state's first historic preservation/design review ordinance in 1970. In 2003, the new Gateway Visitor Center opened at the Georgetown exit from the interstate and greeted more than 230,000 visitors in its first year of operation.
Heritage tourists can visit the restored Hotel de Paris (1875), long famed as one of the West's most elegant inns, and the Hamill House (1879), home of silver baron William A. Hamill. Also, the Georgetown Loop has been reconstructed and reopened by the Colorado Historical Society as part of a larger railroad and mining park that interprets these important themes in the state's history.

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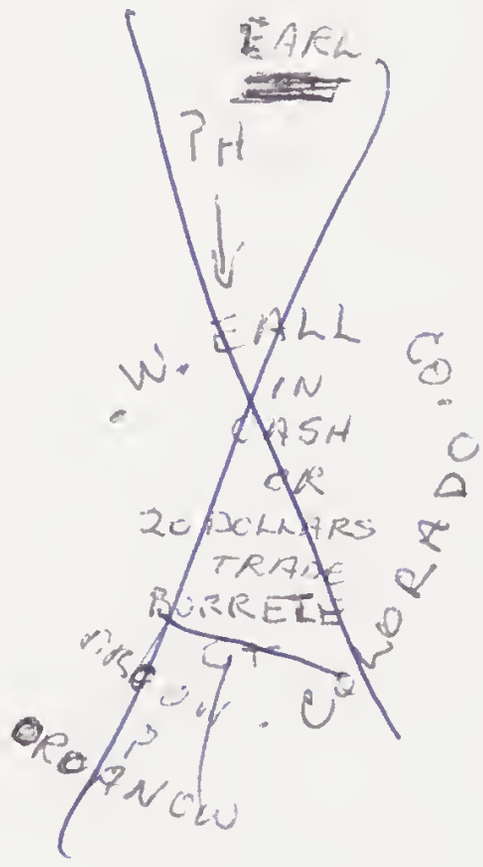
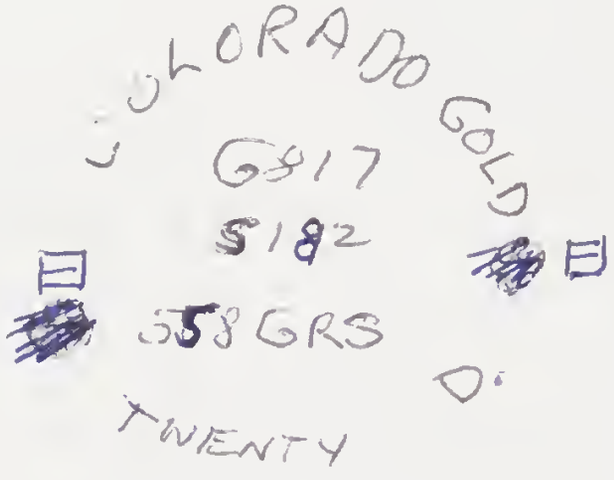
P.O. Box 60145
Colorado Springs, CO 80960
[redacted]





George W. Hall Mining & Lumber operation.

~~BURRELL~~
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(now Fourth St.)
County Hwy now on the Hall site.

COLORADO GOLD

IN

CASH

~~20~~ OR DOLLARS

TRADE

G.817

S.182

BURRE

COLORADO

W. HALL CO

568 GRS

20 D

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TWENTY D

Kleeberg
Western Private Coins
How the West Was Faked

Stein D p.108
p.34

Hall piece

6/19/07
Ken Russell telephoned to inform me that the G W Hall #20 Colorado private gold piece is in the Smithsonian collection thru New Netherlands, Stacks Hily etc. It is described but not illustrated in John Kleeberg's How the West was Faked p.108, p.34 Stein D.
It has not been on exhibit at the Smithsonian so far as Bressett and I know.
I do not remember it being on the Eckly list, but it could have been omitted on purpose. It was not put on the Standard Catalog I believe but should check.

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XV Conclusion – mentions Hall – Republic of Texas

IX B Republic of Texas 1839 mentions Brunk described in detail.
191 Some letter punches used as on UNION MINE
mentioned in p. 3 of Facsimile by Kleeberg
See Brunk 2003-294

Subj: **Colorado Gold**
Date: 6/15/2007 4:38:08 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Eric,

I went over to the ANA Library and found the ad. I think that I can translate most of the legend on the gold piece. But, I am not sure if it is Hall, Ball, or Eall, and not sure of the street name:

G. W. Hall Co. Georgetown Colorado IN CASH OR 20 DOLLARS TRADE Rue Bell St.

Colorado Gold G 817 S 182 558 Grs Twenty D.

I am sure that it is Georgetown, CO. That is an old mining town west of Denver. One of the attractions there is the Hotel de Paris Hotel (and museum). That is why I think the name Rue is part of the address. The place was an active community around 1875. It is now a tourist center.

I hope this is helpful to your research.

Your friend Sherlock Bressett

Kenneth Bressett
P.O. Box 60145
Colorado Springs, CO 80960
[redacted]

Christine Bradley — wrote a book on Georgetown history
She is the County Archivist of Clear Creek County, Colo.
Tel = 303 569 3251 Ext 357
Reached this thru Visitors Center 303-569 2405

6/17/07 Called Bradley by telephone. She never heard of #20 gold piece described. She identified Burrell as the street (Now 4th St.) and identified George W. Hall Company as a large mining and timber operation. She will send maps and data.

Subj: **Re: Fwd: Georgetown Map**
Date: 6/22/2007 2:57:33 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Thank you Eric. The map came through nicely. Very interesting. The boys sure did their homework in planning this caper. ---Ken

At 12:55 PM 6/22/2007 -0400, you wrote:

> Here is the 1886 map that the county archivist sent me. She told me that 4th Street was formerly Burrell Street. The location of the George W. Hall & Co. is shown on 4th Street. It is outlined and indexed as an ore sampling and planing mill. Eric

See what's free at AOL.com.
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From: "Christine Bradley" <[redacted]>
To: <[redacted]>
X-AOL-IP: 205.170.158.215
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> Here is the page from the old Sanborn Fire map (1886) that shows the location of G. W. Hall & Company s buildings at the end of 4th (formerly known as Burrell) street. Hope it helps you with your research Christine Bradley, Clear Creek County Archivist

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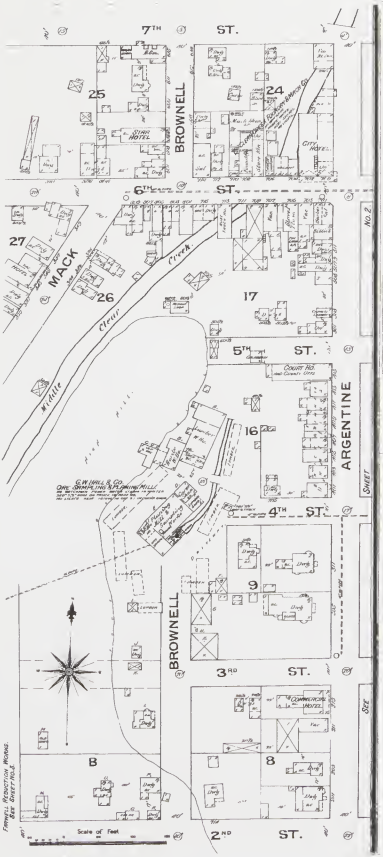

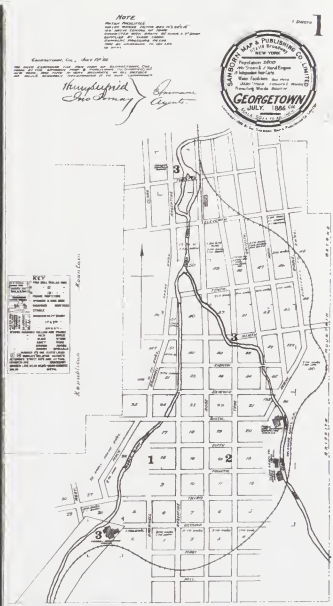

NOTE

SANBORN MAP & PUBLISHING CO. LIMITED NEW YORK

Population 2000
Fire Stands 2 Hand Engine 1 Independent Cart
Water Facilities No fire protection
Electric Light Plant
Fencing Works Electric

GEORGETOWN
JULY 1884

1 SHEET 1

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

July 3, 2007

Ms. Christine Bradley
Clear Creek County Archivist
Georgetown, CO 80444

Dear Ms Bradley:

You will recall that I telephoned you and asked you about a fantasy coin "issued" by C W Hall & Co of Georgetown. You were kind enough to send me a map as to the company location. You indicated that you had not heard of it and we are not surprised. You inquired about any detail we could furnish.

It was imaged on the back of the Front Cover of the Numismatist of April 1957 but very poorly (photocopy enclosed). A detail of its design and text are also enclosed.

It has been stated or intimated that it is a joke and that it was said to issue by the Eli Lilly family in Indianapolis when Josiah Lilly died his coin collection was given to the Smithsonian Institution in exchange for an estate tax deduction of about $5,500,000 many decades ago. Apparently a museum thought it was real. We believe Smithsonian Institution still has it and it is not on exhibit.

There are no numismatically issued $20 gold pieces, in any catalog except those of Clarke Gruber & Co of Denver, CO but as the issuer.

We hope this information will be helpful to you and are sorry the subject matter is not more realistic.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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